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Agency Control Of All Israel Activity Hit

NEW YORK—The first important disagreement with the proposed charter of rights that would channel all Zionist activity exclusively through the Jewish Agency was registered here this week.

The Reconstructionist, magazine of the movement of the same name, registered its opposition to the proposed move, which the Knesset was reported ready to implement. (NJP, April, 6 1951).

In its lead editorial in the April 6 issue, the publication took exception to the plan on two counts.

Creates Two Peoples

1. By excluding Israel from the World Zionist Organization, the magazine contended, Jews of the diaspora would be separated from the Jews of Israel. This would tend to create "two Jewish peoples. One in Israel and the other in the diaspora.'

2. "The Zionist Organization instead of seeking the exclusive agency in the diaspora for work on behalf of Israel . . . should seek to encourage non-Zionist participation."

The editorial prefaced its first objection with an account of two trends in Zionist history, "that with the establishment of the Jewish state, all Jews would migrate to it or else accept the fate of being lost to Judaism" through assimilation. This latter alternative world Jewry has rejected, the editorial indicated.

Not Representing World Jewry

The editorial expressed the fear that "Zionism has ceased to represent world Jewry and now acts as the agent for specific purposes of the State of Israel."

The editorial contended that instead of seeking exclusive agency for work in Israel, the Zionist Organization should "seek to encourage non-Zionist participation."

"In fact," the editorial declared, "the distinction between non-Zionists, since it concerned the question of the statehood for Israel and that question is no longer debatable, has been virtually obliterated and has become a mere matter of emphasis."

Severe Man Shortage In Sweden Says Rabbi

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa—Men here is your opportunity!

There is a severe shortage of Jewish men in Sweden.

Looking at it from the female standpoint, the problem is on the other side—there is a big surplus of Jewish women.

This is reported by Dr. Curt Wilhelm, chief rabbi of Sweden, according to the Zionist Record of South Africa.

Sway Of Professionals Too Tight Says Author

NEW YORK—A charge that too much responsibility for Jewish community life is placed in the hands of bureaucratic officials, was made here by Eli Ginsburg, author of the recently-published book, "Agenda for American Jews."

Ginsburg made the charge at a "discussion dinner" sponsored by The Menorah Journal. The discussion was devoted to Jewish Welfare.

The author declared that lay leadership is too preoccupied with fund-raising and suggested that more attention be paid to priorities and planning.

Matters of mind, he told his hearers, are as important as physical matters, referring to the necessity for supporting educational enterprises.

In this connection Ginsburg called on national and local Jewish agencies to institute scholarship and fellowship programs to prepare high school and college students for Jewish leadership.

Need Better Pro Leadership

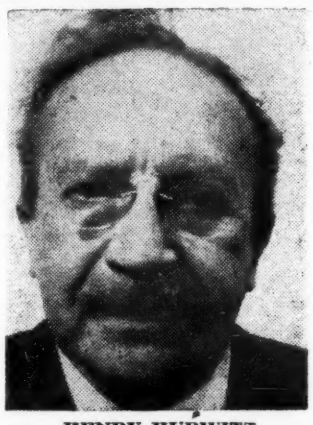
Ginsburg refused to elaborate on a statement he made during his talk that community control over funds was difficult because the professionals must be relied on. He said that Jewish groups must investigate ways of getting better professional leadership, and offered his fellowship program as one solution.

Other speakers were Harry Lurie, executive director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and Prof. Horace Kallen.

RELIGION AT HILLEL CRITICIZED BY HURWITZ

NEW YORK—"There is only rhetorical talk about religion in Hillel, but true religion is not developed nor genuine religious services carried out."

This charge was made here by Henry Hurwitz, editor of the Menorah Journal at the "discussion dinner" sponsored by his publication.



HENRY HURWITZ

Announcing an effort to reorganize Menorah Societies on campuses throughout the nation, Hurvitz said his groups are "exclusively cultural and educational. Referring again to Hillel he asserted that Menorah Societies do not indulge in fraternity ideas and pseudo-religiosity.

Hurvitz told The Post that he offered to cooperate with Hillel, but was turned down. Menorah Societies now exist on only a few campuses.

Hurvitz also charged that paper reports of Hillel activities do not give a fair account of the actual situation.

2ND MIAMI HOTEL BARS JEWS, IS CHARGE

MIAMI BEACH—A second Miami Beach hotel, The Marine Terrace, has been accused of barring Jews. The charge is contained in a dispatch by the Miami Beach B'nai B'rith to Mayor Harold Turk. It inclosed a copy of an editorial from The Compass, New York liberal daily.

The letter urged the city government to "investigate discriminatory advertising by the hotel and "other similarly-situated establishments in our city."

It asked the Mayor to see that "prompt compliance" was made "with the provisions of the Miami Beach Anti-Discriminatory Advertising Ordinance."

Survey In Canada Shows Larger Families

ST. CATHARINES, Ontario—One-half of all Jewish families in this community of 365 Jewish households have either two or three children, it was determined in a survey completed this week.

Couples with two children form nearly one-third of the total married population. Seventeen per cent have three children, and 17.7 per cent have four or more children.

The figures on occupation distribution show the preponderant majority or 62 per cent of the 163 persons in gainful occupations in retail merchandising.

Zionist Monk

Buddhist Still Loyal to Israel

BOMBAY — There are all kinds of Jews, from black to white, from effete highly cultured Jews versed in the ways of Western civilization to Yemenite Jews, but have you ever heard of a Zionist monk?

That is the only accurate description that can be given to a Buddhist monk living in a monastery in Ceylon.

The monk wrote in India and Israel, a monthly Jewish publication here, that he is of Jewish descent and before he left Germany was an ardent member of the Happel Hatzair.

In 1923 he became a Buddhist, but has never lost his allegiance to Zionism. He continued to buy shekels year after year until he lost contact with Zionists, but he is still interested in Israel.

Dr. Henry Englander, H.U.C. Prof, Dies

CINCINNATI — Rabbi Henry Englander who taught most of the Reform rabbis now holding pulpits in the U.S., died here at the age of 74.

He was professor emeritus of Medieval Jewish Exegesis at the Hebrew Union College.

Dr. Englander retired in 1941. He had been college registrar and also secretary of the faculty.

WEAKER SEX WIN PLACES ON S. A. RULING BODY

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa—A seven-year fight for the right to sit on the Council of the Benoni United Hebrew Institutions has been won by women.

Led by the Union of Jewish Women, the ladies finally marshalled the two-thirds majority necessary to change the constitution.

The victory was won over bitter opposition from the men, Mrs. P. Mandelstam, chairman of the Benoni Branch of the Union, told a Zionist Record reporter.

The change in the constitution had to be carried to the Beth Din before the men yielded, but the ruling was in favor of the weaker sex.

Silver Announces Plans To Visit Israel This Month

NEW YORK—Dr. Abba Hillel Silver disclosed at the meeting of the national executive committee of the Zionist Organization of America that he plans visiting Israel late in April.

His trip, he stressed, was not connected with any political mission.

Declaring he was aware that some people will interpret his trip as a political one, Dr. Silver said he wanted it understood that there were no political intentions or motives behind his trip, adding that he had not been in the Jewish state for three years and that he wanted to refresh his connections with the country and to "see with my own eyes the great miracle of the state of Israel."

Arab League Protests Israel Bond Drive

CAIRO — An official protest against the $500,000,000 Israel Independence loan in the U.S. was lodged here by Abdel Rahman Azzam Pasha, Secretary-General of the Arab League.

In a formal call on Jefferson Caffery, U.S. Ambassador to Egypt, the Arab League official protested against the floating of an American loan for Israel.

The Reuters dispatch which told of the protest did not give the ambassador's reply.

Boycott Of Kosher Butchers Begins In Miami; Chaos Blamed

MIAMI, Fla.—A boycott of all kosher butcher shops was underway here this week, following a charge by a group of forty-two individuals that "chaos exists in this city as far as kashruth is concerned."

The charge was contained in a letter to The Jewish Floridian, Anglo-Jewish weekly here, and was signed by the forty-two individuals. They wrote that: "We will boycott butcher shops until some order in Jewish life will be established."

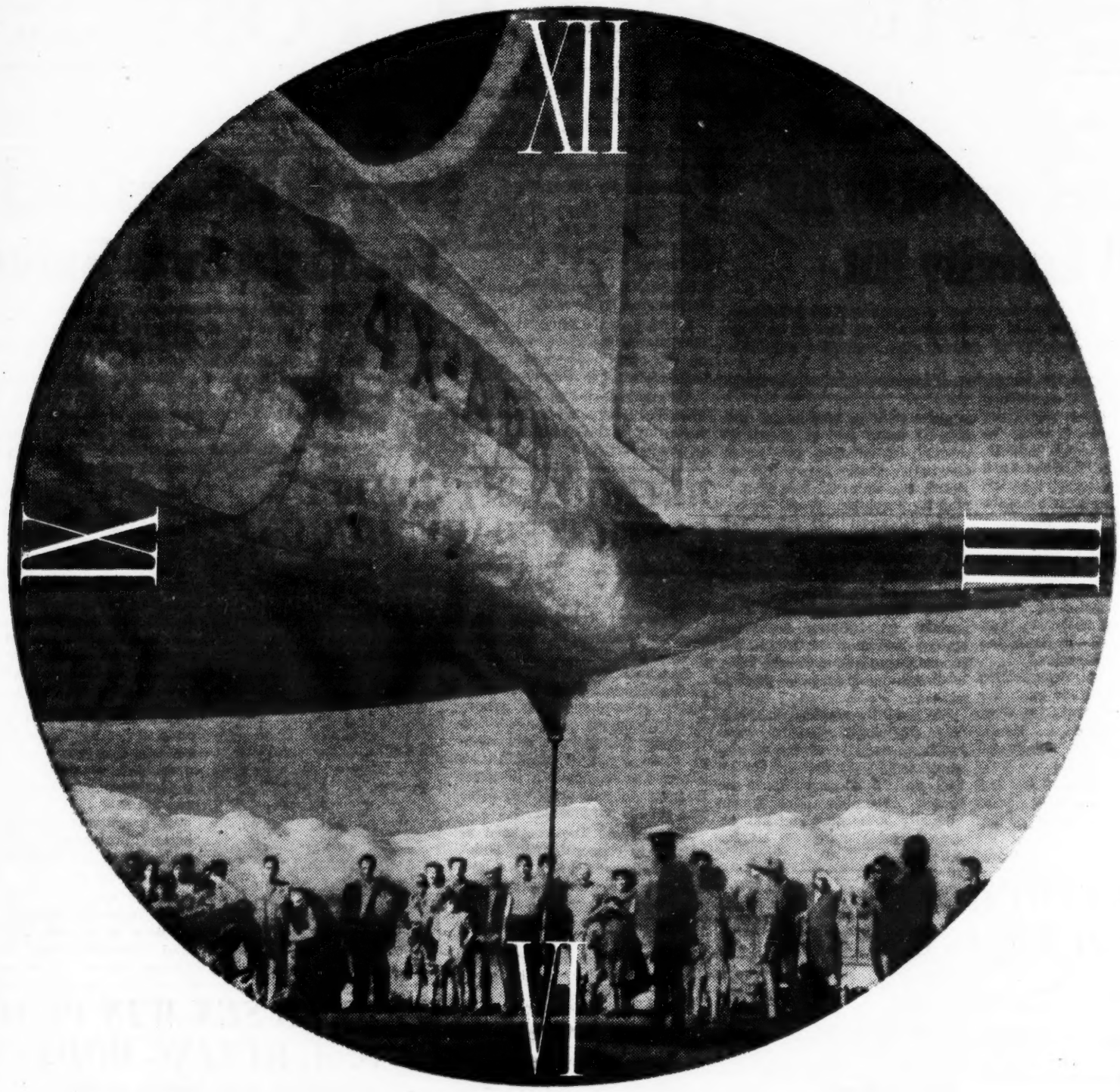
The letter asserted that "rabbis who are supposed to take a hand in kashruth are disagreeing with one another." It accused the butchers of becoming "paskim."

"Even Orthodox Jews," the letter stated, "feel that since they get no kosher meat in a supposedly kosher butcher shop, why pay exorbitant prices?"

The letter asked Fred Shochet, editor of The Floridian, who is a community leader, to take the lead in organizing a "Daas Hakohol which would have the respect of both butchers and rabbis."

The L & F Coral Way Kosher Meat and Poultry Market was fined $500 in February (NJP, Feb. 23, 1951) by the Vaad Hakashrus (supervisory body for kosher inspection) when non-kosher meat was found in the shop. The fine was donated to the United Jewish Appeal.

Additional persons to join the boycott are being enlisted, the letter said.



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Anti-Labor Acts Of Rokach Group Hit For Split? In General Zionism

LONDON—The right wingers in the General Zionist party in Israel were charged with "irresponsible opposition" to the Government of Israel at the Jubilee Conference here of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland.

Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, made the charge, in the course of a debate over the split between the right-wingers and the Progressive in the General Zionist Movement.

Supported by European Leader

He was supported by Dr. Joseph Sagall, chairman of the European executive of the Confederation of General Zionists. Sagall blamed the split on the infiltration of the anti-labor group, the Ichud Ezrachi, which he said was composed of owners of property and land.

Dr. Goldmann, according to the Jewish Chronicle of London, named Mayor Rokach of Tel Aviv as supporting the anti-labor policy. Goldmann expressed the fear that after the coming elections the Mapai might be forced into a coalition with the Mapam instead of with the General Zionists, in the Rokach group continued their anti-labor policy.

Not Keeping Movement in Dark

Goldmann denied a charge of F. Ashe Lincoln, K.C., vice president of the Zionist Federation, that he and the General Zionists in England were responsible for a "deliberate policy of keeping the movement uninformed about the internal struggle which might result in a complete split in General Zionism.

Goldmann said there was no danger of an imminent split in the party, and described as untrue the statement that the Progressives were in the minority in the World Confederation of General Zionists.

ZUKERMAN SYMPATHY WITH COUNCIL, HE SAYS

NEW YORK—A frank admission that he was "very proud to be included among the sympathizers of the Council," was made in the current issue of The Council News, organ of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism, by William Zukerman, writer for the Anglo-Jewish press.

Zukerman's editorials have appeared under the mast-head of The Indiana Jewish Chronicle and other Anglo-Jewish weeklies.

Zukerman made the admission in a three-page defense of his integrity as a reporter on the Jewish scene. His principal target was The Reconstructionist Magazine, which had declared that his writings hewed close to the "line of the American Council for Judaism."

Zukerman asked if it was any great offense to side with the Council.

Answering a question which would inevitably have arisen in the minds of the readers of the article, as to why he had not joined the Council, Zukerman said "he has never belonged to any political party or organized religious body."

New York University's school of education has announced its third workshop in modern Israel life and culture this summer from July 5 to August 18.

Opposition To Arming Huns Is Supported

NEW YORK (WNS)—World Jewry is justified in opposing the rearmament of the Germans, it was declared here by the Marchioness of Reading, president of the British section of the World Jewish Congress.

Addressing a press conference, Lady Reading said that this opposition is based "not only on the tragic experience of the last war but on the century-old experience of German psychology with its intolerance and nationalistic feeling."

Levitsky Opposes Use Of Law For Kashruth

National Jewish Post

NEWARK, N. J. — Opposition to proposed state legislation to enforce supervision over kosher foods in New Jersey was voiced here by Rabbi Louis M. Levitsky, of Oheb Shalom Congregation.

Writing in his weekly bulletin, the Review, Rabbi Levitsky, who is Conservative, pointed out that "It is dangerous to invite the arm of the state law into internal Jewish religious ritual affairs."

Rabbi Levitsky suggested to the Rabbinical Council of New Jersey (Orthodox) which is proposing the legislation that "a greater service" could be rendered if kosher butchers "would post prices of various cuts of meats, present itemized bills and remove other business irritants."

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American Cheese—12 oz. tin	2
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Not Anti-Semitic, Little Bias In U. S. Against Jews Says Pegler

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—A disclaimer that he was in any way anti-Jewish was made here by Westbrook Pegler, vitriolic syndicated columnist who told Rabbi Jesse Sodden that he didn't know whether Justice Felix Frankfurter was Jewish.

Granting an interview with Rabbi Sodden for the Jewish Forum, monthly magazine, Pegler asserted in answer to the question why Jewish names appeared so often in his attacks, that "he had never been conscious of any effort on his part to stress a man's name or religion unless he thought those facts were essential to the reporting of a story."

Pegler stated his belief that "anti-Semitism is in a great many cases a phobia possessed by many Jews—a frame of mind, an assumption rather than a reality."

Much Anti-Semitism Imaginary

"I have always felt," Pegler declared, "that a great many of the anti-Semitic prejudices which Jews claim to be imposed upon them are imaginary . . . I think there is very little anti-Semitism actually practiced in the United States."

Pegler stated that it is a "common belief of some Jews" that a 'Goy' is most assuredly an anti-Semite.

When the reporter showed Pegler an editorial from The Jewish Forum describing the formation of a group of clergymen to eradicate anti-Semitism, Pegler showed "great interest," but was quick to add, "But what about a change in the Jewish attitude toward the Christian?"

Pegler restated his opposition to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, a stand which he has written about strongly in his column.

"The ADL has made people walk in fear of its power," the newspaperman asserted.

A.D.L. Intimidates Editors

He then went on to say that many newspaper and magazines refuse to make critical mention of the ADL, and declared that the "ADL is not, of itself, American Jewry."

Some time after the interview had been given, Sodden reported that Pegler, evidently concerned with his statements about the ADL, wrote to him from his home in Arizona about his concern that his remarks might serve to "put the fat in the fire."

". . . but surely," Pegler wrote, "relations between Jews and Gentiles in the United States will deteriorate if the public and all the editors are given to understand by menacing inferences that any criticism of this strictly secular organization composed of Jews, but without any right to speak for the spiritual body of Jewry, may call down upon the offender some silent vigilante punishment."

Nothing To Do With Smith

Pegler told Sodden that he had nothing to do with Gerald L. K. Smith, and that once when Smith sought to use a quotation from his writing out of context, he immediately wired his disavowal.

On FEPC, Pegler opposed it, he insisted, because it violated the Federation constitution. He related the incident of Jewish business men finding jobs for Jewish refugees as violation of FEPC beliefs.

When he was asked by Rabbi Sodden what he would do to clear himself of the charge of anti-Semitism, Pegler replied that he though "it would be more fitting for those who have unjustly accused me of being anti-Semite to prove their case against me."

"Until such time," he added, "I prefer to remain firm in my conviction that I never have been anti-Semitic."

In reply to a question, Pegler said that he felt "that the contribution that Judaism can make to mankind can hardly be overestimated."

In an editorial in the same issue, Isaac Rosengarten challenged many of Pegler's assertions. He closed by declaring that he would "welcome the conviction that Mr. Pegler is a friend of all mankind, including the Jew."

SWANK MINNEAPOLIS HOTEL DEDICATES NEWEST ROOM; IT'S 'ISRAEL ROOM'

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—The Nicollet Hotel, here, the city's fanciest hostelry, now has an Israel Room.

Proper dedication ceremonies were held here at the opening of this newest room in the swank hotel. The Mayor, Rabbi David Aronson, and an Israeli representative all participated in the dedication.

The room received further dedication that night as an Israeli Room, the American Jewish World reported, when the very first meeting held in it was the Hadassah Regional Conference.

Hearst Apologizes To Young Israel

NEW YORK (WNS)—The Journal-American, which recently printed a letter allegedly written by the late President Roosevelt requesting a former and now deceased official of Young Israel to act as an intermediary between himself and Josef Stalin, has admitted the letter to be a forgery. The paper has publicly apologized to Young Israel, which had threatened a libel suit.

Declaring that an investigation established the fact that the letter was a forgery, the newspaper said it regretted having published the letter and simultaneously cautioned against using its text or any part of it for whatever purpose.

The paper said it was needless to add that the Journal-American never intended to impute suspicion of communism against the National Council of Young Israel or its officers.

At the same time the newspaper said it was delighted to utilize the occasion to publicly state that it has known the National Council of Young Israel to be a religious organization of the highest character and a foe of communism.

Article Would Prohibit Membership Unless Promise Made To Abide By Code

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A new call for standards of practice in Judaism was sounded this week in the April issue of The National Jewish Monthly, organ of the B'nai B'rith, in an article, "All is Not Well With The Synagogue."

Written by Rabbi Carl Manello, of Temple Israel, Wilkes Barre, Pa., the article asserted that "it is necessary that each synagogue demand of its members that they subscribe to certain tenets of Judaism."

"Unless a person knows what the synagogue demands of him," wrote Rabbi Manello, "he can hardly be blamed for being indifferent to its demands."

Rabbi Manello would have the religious bodies "work out a set of requirements to which a person must subscribe before he is eligible to membership."

"Merely to be considered a Reform Jew," he continued, "by paying dues to a Reform Temple, or a Conservative or Orthodox Jew by paying dues to a Conservative or Orthodox synagogue, is a travesty of religion."

Rabbi Manello admitted that such a course of action might tend to reduce the membership lists, but pointed out that if the synagogue lost a few dollars they would "gain the respect of all sincere people."

Rabbi Manello was not at all fearful that his plan might not work.

"The reason that people do not attend services, "he declared, "nor send their children to the religious school, nor observe any of the holidays is because these things were never demanded of them. If a person can buy a membership in a synagogue without assuming any religious obligations he follows the path of least resistance."

Rabbi Manello is not in favor of the synagogue "entering the political field," he warned that this would invole it in the compromises inseparable from political action."

"In proportion as the synagogue becomes involved in the political arena is there danger of loss of religious depth," he said.

JEWISH CONVERT HEAD PLANS DRIVE IN ISRAEL

LONDON—(WNS)—Dr. H. Applebaum, president of the Assso-ciation of Jewish Converts in America, arrived here this week en route to Israel, where he plans to conduct a wide missionary campaign.

Applebaum told a press conference that he plans first conducting a lively proselyting drive among British Jews prior to going to Israel.

He said he had been invited to Israel by that country's association of meshumodim who purportedly informed him that "never in history has there been such a propitious field for converting Jews as now exists in Israel." The material difficulties experienced by Israeli Jews he told the reporters, has "spiritually convinced them that Christian faith can save them from destruction."

Applebaum made his assertion against the background of information by British meshumodim that English Jewry was poor bait for missionary meat and that Israel Jewry will prove even more slippery for missionary hands.

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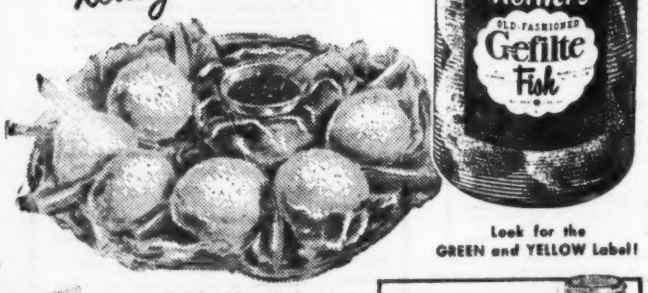

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Anti-Zionists in Britain Lose Biggest Name; Lord Silkin Heads Haifa Technion Drive

LONDON—The newest conversion from an avowed anti-Zionist to a Zionist has left the ranks of the opposition without one of their biggest names.

He is Lord Silkin, former Minister of Town and Country Planning, who announced at a dinner here last week that he has accepted the chairmanship of the British Committee of the Friends of the Haifa Technion.

Lord Silkin told the audience that views he previously held as to the validity of Zionism were now only a matter of academic interest. "Today," he declared, according to the Jewish Chronicle, "it is the duty of all to strengthen Israel and help to build it up in every possible way."

Admitting that he had been "an anti-Zionist," Lord Silkin said that he had not believed that "an economically and militarily strong Jewish state could be established. Neither did I think that the establishment of a Jewish state would be in the best interests of the Jews who lived scattered among other nations."

But things have changed, he told his hearers.

Now that he had started to move "in these circles," he concluded, "he might also find that he might be as the saying was, 'Next year in Jerusalem'."

Lord Silkin is credited with being a leading world expert on city planning. He was Minister in the Labor Government from 1945 to last year.

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HARVARD ACCEPTS $200,000 SCHOLARSHIP FOR ANGLO-SAXON DESPITE PROTESTS

BOSTON—(WNS)—Harvard Medical School this week accepted a $200,000 bequest for a scholarship fund, despite a stipulation that it be awarded "preferably" to students of "Anglo-Saxon ancestry."

Walter C. Carrington, president of the school's Society for Minority Rights, had previously urged that the bequest be refused, declaring that "acceptance of this new fund will contribute to racial discrimination at Harvard."

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ARSONISTS ARE WARNED; VIGILANTE ACTION SEEN

JERUSALEM—Vigilante action against the Neturai Karta, extreme Orthodox religious group, became a real possibility here.

Placards warning against the burning of cars, which are imputed to the members of the Neturai Karta, were posted all over the city here.

The cards bore the signature of the League for the Prevention of Religious Coercion in Israel.

The Neturai Karta are alleged to be burning the automobiles in an effort to stop Saturday travel.

The posters warned that continued car burnings might lead to riot and open violence. They declared that "the free citizens of Jerusalem grow increasingly bitter . . . because there are limits to their patience."

PAPER RETRACTS

NEW YORK—Speedy denial by J. Edgar Hoover of an anti-Semitic statement attributed to him by La Nation, daily paper in Costa Rica, brought a retraction, it was reported this week by the World Jewish Congress. The paper reported Hoover as saying that recent Jewish immigrants to Latin America from behind the Iron Curtain were "spearheads of Communism."

Bronfman Ups Gift To Drive $125,000

MONTREAL—An increase from $160,000 to $285,000 in his contribution to this year's United Israel Appeal and the United Jewish Relief Appeal was made here by Samuel Bronfman, head of Seagrams Distillers Limited.

The increase was announced at a testimonial to Mr. Bronfman on his 60th birthday. A medal honoring the president of the Canadian Jewish Congress was presented to him on behalf of the Canadian Jewish Community.

It was announced that the $285,000 was Mr. Bronfman's personal gift. In addition he has invested $100,000 in the PEC and $25,000 in CANPAL.

Says Israel Will Send Troops Outside Border, Fight With West

NEW YORK—Israel's secret diplomacy if it ever was secret was laid wide open for all to see—especially the Russians—in an analytical report to the New York Times from its Israel correspondent, Sydney Gruson.

The report declares:

That Israel will move to fight any aggressor outside of its borders if necessary.

That Israel will fight along side of the West.

That Israel will not commit herself to a defense pact in peacetime as the U. S. already has Israel's commitment and the new nation is hoping to keep the doors open to Jews who are still behind the iron curtain.

Mr. Gruson points up the problem of how Israel will move to meet the aggressor when her Arab neighbors, still nominally at war with her, will not permit her forces to travel through their territory.

The correspondent said that Israel wants the State Department to persuade Egypt to make peace with all of Israel's neighbors, since the other members of the Arab League would follow Egypt's lead.

Jewish History Shows No Trace of Christ

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa—There is no record in Jewish history of the birth of Christ, Chief Rabbi I. Rabinowitz told an audience at an "Ask the Rabbi" session here.

"No, there is literally no reference to Jesus," Rabbi Rabinowitz asserted.

In answer to a question about a just God and the tragedy of the 6,000,000 Jews killed under Hitler, Rabbi Rabinowitz replied that although the way of Providence baffles human understanding, history teaches that the righteous are eventually rewarded and the evil punished. He added that very likely Israel arose because of this tragedy.

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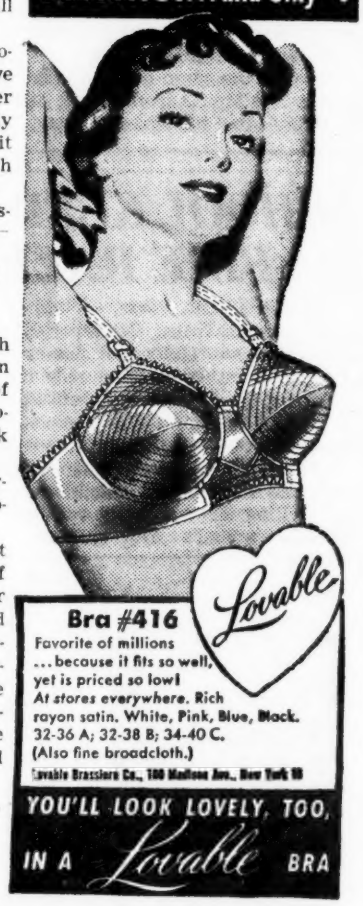

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Rabbi Appeals For Larger Families, Takes Advice

National Jewish Post

LINCOLN, Neb.—An appeal to his congregation to "do something about it," referring to the small size of Jewish families, was made this week by Rabbi Joshua Stampfer, who himself is no slacker in this respect.

The appeal was made in the Bulletin of Rabbi Stampfer's Tifereth Israel congregation on the occasion of the briss of his third son, Noam, born March 22.

Pointing out that 3.2 children are required to maintain a group, Rabbi Stampfer said "communities with a small number of children find it very difficult to maintain adequate Jewish educational opportunities if the classes aren't large enough in size." "All this is aside from the consideration," he added," that larger families make for increased psychological security among the members of the family group."

Rabbi Stampfer concluded his message by calling on his "synagogue members" to "Take note of these facts and let us do something about it."

Rabbi Stampfer's appeal drew a speedy response from at least one family.

On the same day that the briss of his own son was held, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Krantz held the briss for their son, born a day after the Stampfer boy.

SCHOOL KEEPS AT TEMPLE AS FIRE RAZES BUILDING

LAWRENCE, Mass. — While embers which destroyed the Alexander B. Bruce Grammar School here were still smoldering the school superintendent James F. Hennessey and the principal John P. Fleming, were already inspecting the facilities of Temple Emanuel for a possible substitute premises.

Rabbi Herschel Levin encountered the two with Mayor James P. Meehan who is chairman of the Lawrence school committee, marvelling at the lucky escape of the school's 570 children, many of whom are Jewish. He immediately offered the city use of the temple facilities

Will Continue Through 1952

As a result, this week Catholic, Protestant and Jewish children in the first three grades of the school are enjoying their classes in the auditorium and rooms of Temple Emanuel, and probably will meet in this Jewish house of worship until 1952.

At Friday evening services at the Temple attended by many parents of children who escaped injury in the fire, the entire congregation joined in a prayer of Thanksgiving.

Sisterhood Moves Luncheon

The schedule of activities at the Temple is expected to be somewhat disrupted. Already Temple Sisterhood has been forced to move its regular monthly luncheon meeting to a downtown restaurant, which offered its facilities because of the Temple's own generosity.

The use of the Temple as a city school is really an act of reciprocity by the Jewish community. Many years ago, when weekday Hebrew school classes were first held by the Y.M.C.A. in this neighborhood, the school department permitted use of public school classrooms. The first Y.M.H.A. Hebrew classes had met—in the Alexander B. Bruce grammar school.

The number of passengers carried by the railroads in Israel jumped to 1,530,000 in 1950 as against 830,000 in 1949.

Home Grown Correspondents
The National Jewish Post

4 People In 1 Room Set By Israel As Norm

TEL AVIV—For the next three years at least, families of four members in Israel will exist in one room.

That decision was taken when the Ministry of Labor authorized the construction of 60,000 dwelling units over a three-year period.

Seventy per cent of the units will be one-room flats. The rest will be two and two-and-half room flats and houses for larger families.

REPORT FROM HOLLYWOOD

'BIRDS OF PARADISE' HAS SCHWARTZ, BUT LEAVES REVIEWER UNEXCITED

By SIMON WINCELBERG

"BIRDS OF PARADISE" is a slow-moving sarong opera, memorable chiefly for its display of the impressive talents of Maurice Schwartz, who was cast for the part shortly after what the Fox publicity department described as the "closing of his theatre (the Yiddish Art Theatre) due to mounting production costs."

Wincelberg

To dismiss the rest of the film as briefly as possible, "Birds of Paradise" is a highly improbable examination of the pros and cons of whether a white man can be permanently happy among a bevy of uncorrupted Polynesians, where barbarity blends with child-like innocence, and the purchase of a wife carries with it a money-back guarantee.

Its dialogue is full of that peculiar prose which flows from the mouths of foreigners when they are obliged to try for exotic effects with the crude tools of the American language.

There is even a civil rights angle near the beginning of the film, when a shifty-eyed trader (Jack Elam) makes some cracks about letting a "kanaka" eat with white men, and nearly gets thrown to the sharks for it.

THE TERM "KANAKA," today, is obsolete, of course, possibly because it sounds too dignified. I remember the Hawaiian G.I. on the windward side of Oahu during the other war, after a couple of boys from the Mainland had gotten through working him over, and he shuffled after them, damp-eyed and with a cut lip, insisting hopelessly and defiantly, "I'm Not a Gook."

Anyway, Maurice Schwartz's assignment is that of the "Kahuna," variously described in the Yiddish press as a "kishuf-macher," and a "kohen." According to the Hollywood Reporter, a trade paper, "Maurice Schwartz brings tremendous authority to his beautifully-voiced reading of the witch-doctor."

IN ADDITION to the way in which he makes each meager line of dialogue a shimmering pearl of elocution, Schwart's red-rimmed eyes bring to the role a certain fine wrathfulness, such as is often popularly and mistakenly identified with the Old Testament, but may remind others of a betrayed Tevye, or a man who has seen his accountant's tally on "Shylock's Daughter" at the L.A. Biltmore, and wonders whether the public is really worth all he is going through for the sake of maintaining the Yiddish Art Theatre.

Schwartz remains true to his heritage, however, in a climax which leans heavily if innocently upon the Ten Plagues of the Hagadah (river turning to blood, slaying of a first-born), and may possibly strike you as a lot of special effects blown merely for the sake of pointing out that the road of intermarriage is paved with hard knocks.

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SOME CALM words on the subject of "The Tangled Tale of Oliver Twist" are offered by N. C. Belth in last month's Anti-Defamation League Bulletin. The article points out that only after the trade journal, Variety, "had published a story saying that ADL did not see any harm in the film," did the ADL feel obliged, for the sake of setting the record straight to announce that "ADL did not like the film and had told the producers why."

Belth also tells of the ADL's offer "to undertake, in conjunction with the Rank organization, a scientific testing of public reaction to the film," and points out that "the film-maker's right to a free market as well as the rights of individuals to protest have been reaffirmed," and that "the right to protest is also a right of free speech."

Previously, crime columnist Florabel Muir of the L.A. Mirror and N.Y. News had reported that J. Arthur Rank, the producer of "Oliver Twist," had voluntarily offered not only to withdraw the film from U. S. distribution, but to reimburse Eagle-Lion for some $50,000 they had already invested in the distribution of the film, but railroad magnate Robert Young "was adamant about exhibiting the picture."

Miss Muir also points out that "the disputed film was made in England during the time the British were pretty hot about the trouble in Israel."

A third year of Hebrew will be introduced in the curriculum of the Weequahic high school in Newark as the result of the interest of students.

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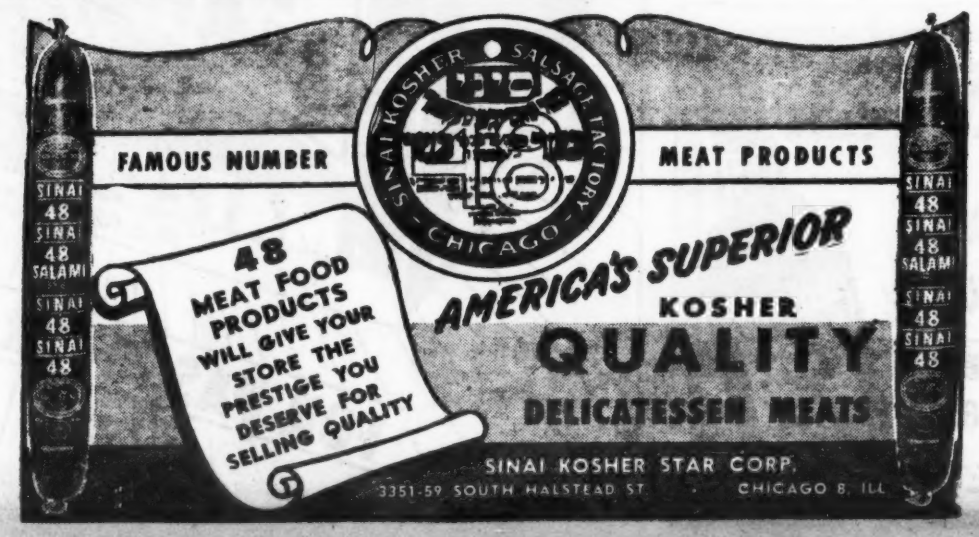

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WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

BRIGHT LIGHTS, YOUNG SPROUTS TAKE GLAMOR FROM PURIM BALL

By HELEN COHEN

THOSE WHO insist on connecting the pastime of dancing with something evil have evidentally never attended one of our local Jewish Educational Association Purim Balls. For years now the fund-raising project for our Hebrew school has followed a similar pattern—a floor show including numbers by pupils of the school—even down to age 9 and 10—with an evening of dancing before and after. Dancing goes on unabated, with young sprouts dodging in and out among the couples until midnight and grandmas and grandpas sitting placidly around the room. At our latest Purim affair the lights, for the most part, were so bright that even a bit of hand-holding under the table would have been glaringly conspicuous, and the strongest beverage in sight was soda pop. As sinister an atmosphere as a picnic in the park.

Helen Cohen

On the topic of dancing, I used to be a whiz on the floor, but I guess the years and preoccupation with other matters have turned me into a has-been. One foolhardy gentleman grabbed me for a partner just as the orchestra struck up a samba (or was it a rumba?) and after protesting that I wasn't acquainted with the step, I valiantly attempted to match his moves.

"Following pretty well," I panted after a few bars.

"Following," he paused, and suggested gently, kindly, "That's what you're supposed to be doing."

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AMONG THE new offerings in Passover confections of Barton's Bonbonnieres this year is their Historic Seder Plate Assortmen.,

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According to its press release, Barton's has a special Passover store at 126 Delancey St., N.Y.; its Mail Order Department is 80 DeKalb Ave., Brooklyn 1, N.Y.

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ANOTHER PASSOVER dish, learned after I left home is the Charoset, symbol of the clay used by our ancestors to make bricks for the Egyptians.

I couldn't have learned to prepare this at home because my mother never fixed it.

Always on the eve of Passover one of the children was dispatched to the home of the Wolfson's for the dish of Charoset which had been set aside for us. I suppose children aren't curious about all things, for I never thought to inquire why this procedure was followed year after year.

However somewhere along the line I got the impression that the dish contained secret, mysterious ingredients, because it took several years of preparing for my own family before it dawned on me that, definitely a tasty morsel, there was nothing either mysterious or complicated about its contents and preparation.

PERHAPS I CAN GUESS at the origin of this kind gesture on the part of Mrs. Wolfson. The Adam Wolfsons had a trimming store near our store—a wonderful place of buttons and lace and thread and notions, to which came customers from all parts of the city (the store remains on the same spot, managed by a son). Mrs. Wolfson was one of the matriarchs of our Jewish community, always ready with advice and what is more important, assistance.

She used to enjoy telling me of the time she was around when I arrived on the scene (no one used hospitals then and in those days we lived in back of the store) and how I wasn't breathing just right. Whereupon she upended me with one hand and smartly smacked me with the other. ((All right, you think perhaps she should have dropped me on my head).

She must have understood how busy and overworked my mother was during those early years, what with three little ones and helping run the store, and so offered to furnish the Charoset one Passover, a practice which continued uninterrupted, as far as I know, as long as she lived.

The recipe for Charset which I found in the Settlement Cookbook goes like this:

"Pare and chop a few apples. Add sugar, cinnamon, pounded almonds, grated lemon rind. Mix thoroughly and add white wine to bind."

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Want to know what your name means? Address your question to Mr. Pearlroth, National Jewish Post.

Duga

Dear Mr. Pearlroth:

I would like to ascertain the origin of the family name "DUGA," which is well-known in my community.

RABBI
JOSEPH H. FREEDMAN
Eoff Street Temple
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Duga is a characteristic Jewish family name derived from a Russian word meaning "Bow" or "Rainbow." It is a translation of the distinguished Jewish family name Katzenelenbogen, often abbreviated to "Bogen" (Bow) or transformed into "Regenbogen" (Rainbow). The family originated in Hessen, Germany, whence it migrated to Italy. It includes the most fabulous Jew of them all, the legendary Saul Wahl of whom it has been said that he was king of Poland for one night in 1586.

Although the story about his kingship is not true, Saul was a real person and highly regarded in royal circles of the period. Only 12 years ago there was still a synagogue in Lublin, Poland, named after Saul. Three times a day the services there were inaugurated with the solemn words: "We begin this prayer by invoking the permission of the great lord Saul Ben Jehuda."

What Foods These Morsels Be

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AN ENJOYABLE experience is in store for Jewish housewives who send in for their free copy of the 16-page Passover booklet offered by I. Rokeach and Sons, 240 Wythe Ave., Brooklyn 11, New York.

Containing 38 recipes, the pamphlet is attractively illustrated with several of the dishes as well as a Seder table. According to its press release, the most interesting of the dishes is "an ancient recipe for meat loaf whose ingredients include grated potatoes." Also found among the Passover suggestions are bagels, carrot candy, prune frankfurters and a traditional nut cake.

Below are two of the ideas in the booklet:

TSIMMES

Wash and pare vegetables, cook until tender. Meanwhile, heat fat in skillet, add onions and cook until golden brown. Mash vegetables together, add browned onions, and any remaining melted fat and salt. Turn into baking dish and slip under broiler until top of Tsimmes is golden brown. Serves 4 to 6.

2 medium-sized white potatoes	2 large carrots
2 medium-sized sweet potatoes	½ cup fat
	1 cup chopped onion
	1 teaspoon salt

MATZO SCHALET

Break matzos into cold water; soak about 5 minutes or until soft. Drain well, pressing all excess liquid out of matzos. Add remaining ingredients, blend well. Turn into a greased 8-inch square pan. Bake in a moderate oven (350°F) 40 to 45 minutes. Serve hot or cold. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

3 matzos	¼ cup chopped, blanched almonds
3 eggs	1 tablespoon lemon rind
2 tablespoons all-purpose shortening	1 tablespoon lemon juince
2 tablespoons honey	½ teaspoon salt
1 cup grated apple	1 teaspoon cinnamon

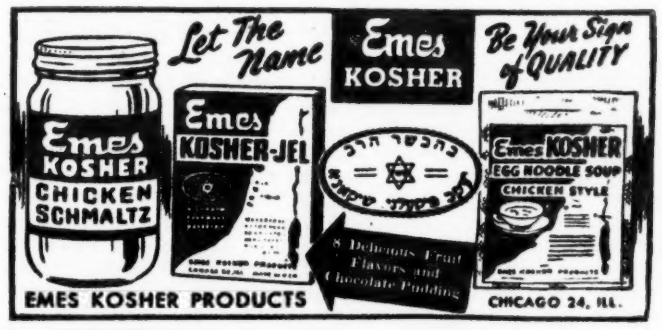
A 34% rise in the number of motor vehicles licensed in Israel, from 24,366 at the end of 1949 to 36,706 at the end of last year, is reported by the Bureau of Statistics.

Vote 34,000 to 4,000 For Film By Nazi

FRANKFURT (WNS) Despite violent opposition by Jewish and democratic groups in Germany, nearly 34,000 Germans voted in favor of a public showing of the film "Immortal Beloved," produced by Nazi-sympathizer Veit Harlan.

Only 4,000 voted to suppress the film, according to a poll conducted by a film distributing company and a leading theater here which favor showing the film.

There are 870 Jews living in Luxembourg.



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Editorial Page

Mr. Zukerman Unmasks Himself

WILLIAM Zukerman's admission that he is sympathetic to the ideals of the American Council for Judaism, although he is not a member of that body, comes as no surprise to this paper.

The question inevitably is: "Why then is Zukerman aroused when someone says he's an anti-Zionist when he admits himself that he's an anti-Zionist. If this isn't confusion then Ben-Gurion and the Mufti are bosom pals.

But there is another and very serious question raised by Mr. Zukerman's confession.

What about those Anglo-Jewish papers which have printed his writings without stopping to consider the implications? How their faces must be red!

Had these papers printed Mr. Zukerman's loosely veiled biases against Zionism because they wanted to give both the Zionists and the anti-Zionists a hearing, that would have been the height of courageous journalism.

But no, these papers, among them The Sentinel of Chicago, self-styled America's greatest weekly, printed Zukerman's material because they seemed to be liberal and progressive, and because he usually attacked Zionism on the basis of this so-called liberalism.

Now that Mr. Zukerman, has unmasked himself, it will be interesting to see whether the Indiana Jewish Chronicle continues to print his material as its editorial expression often providing its readers with the paper's sole view on many critical issues facing the Jewish community of the U.S.

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Recommendations Too Drastic, But We Like The Idea

RABBI CARL Manello in his article in the current issue of The National Jewish Monthly goes a step further, and a long step it is, than The Post when he advocates restricting membership in congregations only to those who subscribe to certain tenets.

The Post has called on the Reform Movement to set up a code of minimum observance. This would be in the nature of a guide. Rabbi Manello's recommendation is, of course, much more encompassing and as follows naturally much more drastic.

But the logic behind both positions is the same.

"Unless a person knows what the synagogue demands of him," declares the Wilkes Barre spiritual leader, "he can hardly be blamed for being indifferent to its demands."

Rabbi Manello does not limit his recommendation only to Reform, but would have all three wings of Judaism set up requirements for synagogue affiliation.

If The Post cannot go all the way with Rabbi Manello's suggested reforms, it is not because we do not feel that some significant standards must be set up. But the steps must be more gradual lest too many Jews be driven into the ranks of the unaffiliated.

No physician recommends violent measures to a moribund patient. The shock would be fatal.

But we cannot quit the subject without expressing the hope that some courageous rabbi follow Rabbi Manello's recommendations precisely in establishing a new congregation.

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Embarrassing Father

IN MANY communities, rabbis are holding sessions with their male members which are nothing more nor less than classes in how to conduct a seder.

We think that every rabbi and every community should arrange such sessions.

Although many fathers were fine teachers and were careful to impart the know how of the rather intricate seder ceremony to their sons, too often the father was too occupied in reciting the prayers to do much teaching.

Then too, there were many homes of the last generation where Passover seders were thought to be a religious observance other Jews observed.

But now that the seder is resuming its place in the hierarchy of Jewish observance, all fathers should have the opportunity to learn the proper technique, lest they be embarrassed in front of their children.

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We Are Too Cynical For That

THERE WAS recently announced the setting up of a new large industrial enterprise in Israel.

We knew about it some three or four months ago, and in fact talked to the president of the American firm, whose company was to provide both capital and technical know-how for the Israel plant.

When we suggested that we might very properly make an announcement in The Post about the project and the fact that he was Jewish (most people outside of his home community are unaware of it) he demurred, and we are respecting his wish.

But we know why he demurred, and so does he. When we saw him was the first time he had set foot inside the Temple in his community since the present occupant of the pulpit had been there, a matter of some ten odd years or so.

At one time, although he is a man of wealth, he gave something like $5,000 to the local drive, but that was only on one year. Most years he gives nothing.

This is not written from the standpoint that his interest in Israel may now win him back to active participation in Jewish affairs. We are too cynical to speculate on that highly improbable turn of events.

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Essay Contests All To The Good

WE LIKE the idea of the increasing number of essay contests on Jewish subjects being announced from various sources from time to time.

Although we recognize that the contests do not attract mass participation, their effect on stimulating serious thinking on Jewish subjects, even if limited to those already pre-inclined to devote thought to Jewish problems, cannot be ignored.

There is a certain compulsion to both thinking and writing when a set subject, as is the case in these contests, requires digesting and development into an essay.

The more Jewish contests like this then, the better. Experience should show an ever increasing number submitting essays from year to year.

THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

RABBI Theodore Friedman's letter in the "Freedom of The Press" section in this week's paper is amazing, as far as this "chair" is concerned.

We made the natural mistake of putting his Congregation Shaarey Zedek into the Reform camp, since we have known Rabbi Friedman as a member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, which is the association of Reform rabbis.

But that his congregation is preponderantly Conservative is a revelation. It must come as a shock to the Conservative group to learn that even such an elemental observance as reciting a blessing before meals has been "lost" to its adherents.

Yet I am in receipt of a letter, which although not anonymous, its writer must remain unknown, which bears out somewhat, if not as scientifically, the findings of the survey in Rabbi Friedman's congregation.

I quote the letter in part:

" . . . your editorial in this week's Post shows the result of some hasty and incorrect conclusions . . . I am referring to the fact that in most Conservative homes it would be unthinkable to break bread without reciting the motzah.

"I have been a member of a Conservative synagogue for over 25 years in three different communities. I wager that it was the minority, in fact the extreme minority who recite a blessing before each meal. On Friday nights a few more may recite the blessing, but the majority of us as lax in these observances as the Reform Jew . . ."

If the situation is as bad as now seems to be indicated, it would seem wise that the religious authorities conduct wider surveys in this respect.

This blessing God for food is such an elemental observance (even the non-Jews whom we try to ape observe it) that I couldn't imagine any Jewish home, either Conservative or Orthodox, in which the grace was not said.

Attending services is considered a chore, and it doesn't require a survey to tell us how great is the percentage of the memberships which find their way to the synagogue and temple only once or twice a year. But this saying of the "motzi" is such a simple matter. It is to me a sign of refinement, not particularly an observance.

Because we have five little ones at our house, and because we are trying to build up family customs, we sing the blessing in Hebrew before each meal. If there is anything which the children join into with enthusiasm, it is this one simple, joyous rite. As the little ones begin to speak they soon learn the melody and the Hebrew words, and if you want something that unites the family and takes the mind off of worldly matters, then this is it.

I'd like to hear from more rabbis and laypeople on this. It seems to me that what is indicated is that we just didn't realize to what low estate the observance of Judaism has fallen in the U. S.

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I KNOW who the person is that Carl Alpert is describing in his column this week. I recognized her immediately, but I won't give him or her away.

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ALLEN LESSER has been offended by my reference to him in this "chair" when I discussed several weeks ago the disadavantages of community-sponsored Anglo-Jewish papers. I did not mean to offend him, and most certainly not affect his standing as a journalist of integrity.

It is not true as I stated that he was dismissed from the editorship of The Jewish News, of Newark. The fact is that he resigned.

When the hullaballoo was raised over his editorial which I said indicated an anti-Zionist bent, (Mr. Lesser takes violent exception to my use of the word, "anti-Zionist") the board of the paper called him in for a four-hour conference. Mr. Lesser refused to yield on his interpretation in the editorial.

The editorial said in part: "A new Zionist policy is in the making, and this appropriation may be an indication that emphasis will henceforth be placed on immigration rather than the former unrealistic demand for a political state. It indicates that the ill-fated policy based upon the Biltmore Declaration, if not dead, is at least to be put aside until a more propitious time."

The editorial also made some wide distortions of Zionist policy up to that time.

When Mr. Lesser remained adamant, the board of the paper caused to be printed a statement in the April 10, 1947 edition. It said that "The sense of this editorial and its implications are not acceptable to the Board of Directors and the Editorial Advisory Committee, nor does the editorial represent the views of these two groups."

Subsequent to this, Mr. Lesser voluntarily and without any suggestion of pressure resigned.

I am glad to set the record straight.

12 Jews Are Injured In Riot at Salzburg

VIENNA (WNS)The first serious outbreak of anti-Semitism in Austria since the end of the war occurred in Salzburg this week. A band of 60 former Nazis beat a group of Jews who were staging a protest against the showing of the film "Immortal Beloved," produced by Veit Harlan, director of the Nazi-made anti-Jewish film "Jew Suess."

Before the 90-minute riot was over the Nazis had beat nearly 30 Jews, seriously injuring a dozen. The crowd of about 1,000 passersby shouted anti-Semitic slogans and showered the Jews with stones. Police watched the attack without interfering.

Politeness Ordered For Israel Cops

TEL AVIV—Israel's finest—advised to be polite by Y. Sahar, Inspector General of Police.

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Freedom of The Press

LANSING CONGREGATION NOT REFORM, MAJORITY CONSERVATIVE, SAYS RABBI

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

In your March 30 issue, in both an article and editorial, you referred to Congregation Shaarey Zedek of Lansing, Mich., as a Reform Congregation. The report in our synagogue bulletin that only 10% of our children recited a prayer before meals led you to the following editorial conclusion: "If there ever was proof that Reform Jewry needs a code of observance, this is it. It would be unthinkable to break bread without reciting the motsi. The same is true for Conservative homes, although here the percentage might be something less than one hundred."

The fact is that our congregation is a mixed congregation with some Orthodox, a preponderance of Conservative-minded families and a minority of Reform families.

In the second-place, although I was trained in a liberal seminary (Jewish Institute of Religion) and am a member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform), I and my Reform colleagues, are zealous in encourging and teaching prayers before meals, bedtime, Sabbath candlelighting, blessing over the Sabbath wine, etc.

Even if my congregation was wholly Reform it would be unwarranted to conclude that the paucity of home observance could be correctly laid at the door of their theology. If one bears in mind that most Jews today affiliated with Reform Temples stem from Orthodox or Conservative backgrounds, your conclusion becomes even less tenable.

I don't believe that the lack of observance in our community is purely a local phenomena. At any rate, we are working on its rectification.

ALFRED L. FRIEDMAN
Rabbi, Cong. Shaarey Zedek
Lansing, Mich.

Increases Attendance At Junior Services

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

I was interested in the editorial in your issue of March 30 wherein you bewailed the indifference of the parents and the absence from the junior congregation service on the Sabbath morning. May I offer a suggestion. In our Congregation we have increased the attendance three-fold in the last two years with the result that we now have over 175 children and parents attending the junior service.

Each Sabbath is dedicated to one of our school classes and one to each of the children in the Confirmation Class. The parents of each child in each class are contacted by mail and by personal invitation through a Grade Mother.

Now what happens? The parents of the children whose class is being dedicated attend practically up to 100 per cent. The children are given ample time to prepare their part in the service with the assistance of their teachers.

Each member of the Confirmation Class is notified of the service which will be dedicated to her about a month ahead of time and the service is in her charge, including the sermon.

The result has been that many parents have been attending Junior Services regularly with their children. Our service lasts one hour and 15 minutes and is so prepared that the child becomes familiar with not only his own service but the regular adult service.

ABE SHEFFERMAN
Israel Congregation,
Washington, D. C.

THE WORLD OF BOOKS

PORTRAYAL OF JEWISH SELF-HATRED MAKES NOVEL OF DEEP UNDERSTANDING

By WARD MOORE

"LINDEN ROAD" by Miriam Bruce (Harper, 280 pp.; $3.00) is the first mature portrayal I have seen of Jewish self-hatred. If it were only that, it might be a lesser—or a greater— book, one which depicted all the sad deformities of spiritual sickness. However, Miss Bruce has not given us a case history or clinical study, but a novel of manners, perceptive and convincing, using the technique of impression and symbol rather than that of unrelenting exploration.

Hagar Tobias is the daughter of Linden Road, refined and cultivated suburbia which never raises its voice, subscribes to Vogue and Better Gardens, sees the more popular Broadway plays and perhaps goes once a season to a concert and reads the book of the month. The lawns on Linden Road are as well modulated and cared for as the ladies of the houses. Linden Road is not so much dead as dormant, fallow rather than sterile.

Hagar has been brought up by Nany, who certainly deserves a place besides all those heart-warming, tear-jerking family retainers so dear to the sentimental palate, for Nanny is a profound anti-Semite, adding to the ordinary antipathy between servant and employers a compound of contempt and envy, incomprehension and disdain. Her fondness for Hagar is satisfaction with her own handiwork; since it cannot incline her toward Hagar's people, it finds its triumph in purifying her nursing from the contamination. Hagar responds perfectly; she shrinks from the word Jew as from an unbearable reproach; Linden Road, so nearly free from the undesirables, is her spiritual as well as physical home.

IF THE LATTER PART of this novel is less intense and the resolution less convincing than the masterly statement of the theme, some at least of the fault may be due to the author's success with the early chapters. Having set so high a standard and displayed such penetration, the slightest slackening of effort becomes immediately apparent. Then too, it is possible that Miss Bruce, confronted with the erroneous notion that short novels are preferable to full ones, was persuaded to change her design in midcourse. Whatever the reason, I certainly don't mean to imply that the failure of the balance of the book to live up to the beginning is a failure of the book as a whole. Even with its shortcomings, "Linden Road" is a novel of high worth, solid craftsmanship and deep understanding.

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DANIEL SPICEHANDLER'S "Let My Right Hand Wither" (Beechhurst Press, 261 pp.; $3.50) has in common with "Linden Road" only a disparity of merit between the first and last halves of the book. In Mr. Spicehandler's case it is the latter part of his personal narrative of the War of Liberation (or the repulse of the Arab invasion or whatever the official name for Israel's magnificent defence turns out to be) which is the superior part.

His account, which begins in January 1948 concludes in December. In spite of a tendency toward looseness which occasionally borders on vagueness and a failure to organize his material tightly before setting it down (two aspects of the same fault) "Let My Right Hand Wither" is vivid and compelling. If it adds nothing factually to our knowledge of the momentous events with which it is concerned, it does give a satisfying picture of the emotions of a participant.

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"HABIBI'S ADVENTURES in the land of Israel," by Althea C. Silverman (Bloch, 202 pp.; $2.50) suffers a little less from condescension than most juveniles written for young Jews (who evidently, in the opinion of writers in this field are retarded far behind their gentile contemporaries, contrary to popular legend). In fact it is almost an injustice to Mrs. Silverman to mention this deplorable tendency except to support her in what is evidently an attempt to write straightforwardly in conflict with the unhappy practice of writing down.

"Habibi" is instructive in intent, serving as a guidebook and introduction to Israel. Perhaps it is this which makes it difficult for the adult reader to evaluate it without irritation. Realizing that this may be so, I apologize to the author and mention that this is the least objectionable book for young people that has come to my attention for some time.

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"AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR Book," Volume 52, 1951 (American Jewish Committee and Jewish Publication Society, 585 pp.; $4.00) is, as usual, a work of tremendous scope and scholarship, and of immense value. Transscending the customary limits of similar reference works, the Year Book is distinguished by lucid and lively writing as well as pertinent and essential data.

This year's volume sees some changes in structure, with the dropping of some material, such as the list of periodicals published outside the United States or Canada, which seems to me unfortunate. However, in view of its generallly compresensive coverage, this and other losses are forgivable. Certainly the fact that the bulk of its information is purveyed in readable essays rather than in columns of statistics makes up for more defects than reveal themselves readily.

Israel, Poland Sign Trade Pact

TEL AVIV—(WNS)—A one-year trade agreement has been signed between Israel and Poland, it was announced here by the Ministry of Trade. Under the pact, Israel will buy $7,500,000 worth of commodities from Poland and pay up to sixty-five per cent of the bill in exports.

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DIGEST OF YIDDISH PRESS

TOBEY'S BELITTLING IMMIGRANTS, USE OF 'CHRISTIAN' CRITICIZED

By RABBI SAM SILVER

LIKE THE rest of the press, the Yiddish papers gave full coverage to the hippodromatic Kefauver hearings. Editorially, the papers hailed the expose of rackets and the relationship between crime and politics. What several writers resented was Senator Tobey's aspersions on New York and on immigrants and his use of the word "Christian" when he meant "religious." Sharpest reation to Tobey's belittlement of immigrants was by a **Freiheit** columnist called "Uncle Sam." Writes he, "Someone should have cried out: 'Hurray for Curley, Pendergast, May and Thomas, full-blooded natives of America.' "

SILVER

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Writer Still Claims Reform Wants Jews To Adopt Xmas

Canards die slowly. In the **Forward,** D. Kaplan refers to "the Reform Rabbis who advocate that Jews should adopt Christmas and unite it with our Chanukah." If Mr. Kaplan, or the sleepy city editor who let this get by, will produce such a Reform Rabbi this digester will be glad to digest a tableful of **Forwards.**

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Agudat Israel Remains Seated During Singing of Hatikvah

Members of the Agudat Israel won't stand for Hatikvah; they remain seated. When asked why, Elimelech Tress, Agudah leader, recently said the reason was the bad character of the composer of Hatikvah, Naftali Hertz Imber. That is a poor excuse, thinks I Schoen, columnist of the **Cleveland Jewish World.** Firstly, Imber's chief fault was overfondness for alcohol — a weakness that merits pity, not scorn. from religious people.

Secondly, the pious Orthodox Jew begins the day with a prayer (Mah Tovu) ascribed to a Biblical anti-Semite (Balaam). If Balaam's prayer can be in the Siddur, the song by Imber, a lovable though unfortunate person, can be honored by the Agudah as it is by all other Zionists, opines Schoen.

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Why Locate Szold Place In An Irish Neighborhood

Another footnote on the recent naming of a short New York street after Henrietta Szold: some of the residents of the street objected to the new name, expressed their feelings to reporters, and marred the new street signs. Asks S. Dingol, of **The Day:** why was a street in an Irish neighborhood selected to honor the great Jewish woman?

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General Zionist Heads Blame Crisis on Labor

In the same column, "This Week in Jewish Life," S. Dingol prints a long letter by the two Israel general Zionist leaders, Joseph Serlin and Sholom Zissman, now visiting in the U.S. The letter is in reply to an epistolary attack upon General Zionism by a Labor Zionist, and is a statement of the General Zionist program. Contained in the letter is the charge, "The grave economic situation in Israel is a direct result of the government's economic policies."

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Has East Side Heard Of Israel Bond Drive?

An unnamed reporter of the FORWARD decided to find out what the "people" thought about the forthcoming Bonds for Israel campaign. So, on a stroll through the East Side, he stop-

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Digest of the Press

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ped ten people and asked them about the question. The first man he accosted cried out that he would not buy the "traife" bonds being sold by the atheist Ben Gurion. Another man wanted to know how Israel could ever pay back the money with interest; he suggested that, instead of bonds, Israel sell "real estate" like aliyoth are sold in synagogues. The next five people encountered by the reporter said they had never heard of the bonds. One woman thought the FORWARD man was from the "Candid Camera" program and was disappointed to learn she was not being televised. Another quizzee said he was in favor of bonds, but thought selling securities on Israeli utilities would have a greater appeal to American speculators. Still another person turned out to be a Communist and told the newsman to go to hell. Two of the questionees enthusiastically endorsed the bond program and said they would buy several thousands of dollars worth as soon as the campaign begins.

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Margoshes Looking For Invitation to Silver Too

It's true that Ben Gurion issued a statement denying that he spoke belittlingly of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. But, presses Dr. S. Margoshes, in **The Day**, the B. G. statement is silent about the official invitation to Silver which started the rumpus. "If it is really true that the Prime Minister deeply appreciates the work of Dr. Silver, then why isn't an official invitation extended?"

Bell Phone Operator To Show Israelis How

NEW YORK—A supervisor of the New York Telephone Company left last week for Israel on the invitation of the Israel Minister of Communications, Dov Josef, to train Israeli telephone operators in American methods.

Miss Antoinette Leavy, who has been with the telephone company for thirty years, will stay in Israel for about two months and will give instruction courses in Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem.

HAIFA—A slowdown strike of Haifa's 2,500 dockworkers was the newest eruption on the tense labor situation in Israel. The dockworkers are demanding a 40% increase in wages.

I THINK AS I PLEASE

TALE OF MYSTERIOUS MR. X; HE'S A VERY REAL PERSON

By CARL ALPERT

MR. X is one of the most fascinating personalities in American Jewish life. Almost everyone who sees him, hears him, or reads what he has written is at once stirred to admiration because of his obvious talents. Yet he is a strange paradox—a man who repels friends even while he attracts them; a man who himself slams shut the doors of opportunity opend by his own efforts. His is a case worth studying. I have never known Mr. X intimately but have had ample opportunity to observe him in action and believe that many readers would be interested in a brief study of his personality.

ALPERT

For obvious reasons he can be referred to only as Mr. X, and one or two details of his life and personality must be changed to protect his anonymity. In major respect, however, the following preserves the picture of the Mr. X who is widely known by American Jews. He is a real person.

For one thing, he is one of American Jewry's most informed personalities. The depth of his Jewish learning is profound, and there are many who believe that though a layman he could put most rabbis to shame with his knowledge of Jewish law and Jewish lore.

HE IS A QUICK and agile thinker, and his numerous public addresses in all parts of the country are eagerly received as much for their wit and keenness of delivery as for the profusion of information and stimulation which they convey.

Mr. X is at the same time a writer and editor of note, and most of his articles are brilliant and eloquent. Occasionally he steps out of character and, under a nom de plume, writes light, ironical pieces of satire which are devastating in their analysis of some of the foibles of American Jewish life. The sense of humor and the insight into American problems are all the sharper in that Mr. X is European born and European educated.

Here, then, is a true scholar, yet with the popular touch, and one would expect that Mr. X would emerge as one of the towering leaders in a community which has need of an informed lay personnel with ability. The strangest aspect of the fascinating Mr. X, however, is his apparent inability to retain friends or get along with colleagues.

On the surface he appears to be a pleasant, mild-mannered, personable chap who would easily make friends. He does—but inevitably a "falling-out" occurs. Mr. X has been in position of importance in at least one of America's largest Jewish organizations—a position from which he might have exerted tremendous influence not only upon that organization but indirectly upon all of American Jewish life. Once again his associates found it impossible to get along with him.

PERHAPS IT'S BECAUSE this man of genius is a perfectionist, but he can not resist the urge to criticize, and he seldom confines his criticism to privacy. Thus he transforms friends and allies into enemies, and his entire career is lined with lost allies. Too often his sharp pen is dipped in acid merely to call attention to a slip or his tongue loosed in bitter denunciation of what may be only a difference in judgement.

Where others would voice casual criticism he thunders forth mercilessly in condemnation. Instead of seeking to persuade, he must indulge in head-on attack. His personal organ is used as an instrument of assault against every pet dislike, and the number of alienated friends grows monthly.

These are the sad facts. Mr. X is a man of genius—and the word has been used to describe him many times. But though he has mastered languages, history, philosophy and many other areas of human knowledge and scholarship, he has not yet learned the simple art of getting along with his fellow men. He has not learned to be understanding. He does not know how to be forgiving.

HE LIVES IN HIS SUPERIOR WORLD, utterly lacking in any humility. It is not surprising that his marriage went on the rocks. He has become the iconoclast of American Jewry, and because he does not know how to cooperate or work with others, is increasingly becoming isolated. His talents are wasted and his services lost to a community and a people which are in need of both.

There should be a lesson for all of us in this sad case. Scholarship and learning are alone insufficient unless they are accompanied by humility, human qualities of love, and the ability of getting along with one's fellow man. None of us is free from some degree of fault in these respects, and we should heed well the more extreme example of Mr. X.

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9 Jews In Big League Lineups Is Largest Number In History

DETROIT—Nine Jewish players will start the 1951 season with eight Big League teams, Taylor Spink, of Sporting News, told Larry Altman, sports writer for The Jewish Chronicle here.

This is believed to be the largest number in recent years.

Spink listed the nine as:

Saul Rogovin and Myron Ginsberg, Detroit; Sid Schact, St. Louis Browns; Al Rosen, Cleveland; Marv Rotblatt, Chicago White Sox; Sid Gordon, Boston Braves; Cal Abrams, Brooklyn Dodgers, and Lou Limmer, Philadelhpia A's, and Allen Richter, Boston Red Sox.

Ginsberg Gets Regular Berth

Altman also reported that Red Rolfe, manager of the Tigers, has definitely chosen Ginsberg as starting receiver for the Bengals. Altman said that Ginsberg is facing his biggest year in baseball.

The possibility of an all-Jewish battery for Detroit was not by any means improbable, Altman wrote. Saul Rogovin, Jewish hurler, has a good chance of sticking with the Detroit team, so that the battery of Rogovin and Ginsberg should make news in the coming season.

Rotblatt Sure White Sox Starter

Going great guns in spring training has been Marv Rotblatt, former University of Illinois ace. His pre-season stints against the Browns and the Yanks have made Manager Richards tell reporters that if the Jewish lad kept up the pace, according to Altman, "he could not miss making the team as a starter."

Spink sent Altman also a list of Triple A Jewish ball players. They include:

Mickey Rutner, Toronto (AAA); Aaron Silverman and Sandy Silverstein, both with Buffalo (AAA); Murray Franklin, Hollywood (PCL); Harry Feldman, San Francisco (PCL); and Cy Block, Buffalo (AAA).

PUG MANAGER SPONSORS 14TH CHURCH BENEFIT

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Sammy Aaronson, a New York fight manager who recently authored a book "There Are No Bad Children," will sponsor a benefit boxing show in the interests of St. Pascal's Church on April 13. In this occasion, the fourteenth that Aaronson has conducted in behalf of the Church, the show will be conducted to raise funds for a new building.

Aaronson, who is known in leather-pushing circles as the "Branch Rickey of Boxing," because of his large stable of professional and amateur mitt-slingers, has donated his services at 523 benefit spot shows over a 15-year period.

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Jewish High School Cage League Formed

NEW YORK—The six Jewish high schools which participated in the first annual Jewish high school basketball invitation tournament sponsored by Yeshiva University have formed a permanent Jewish high school basketball league. The tourney was won by the Talmudical Academy of Manhattan, which downed the Talmudical Academy of Brooklyn 53-45.

The other four teams composing the new league are: Rabbi Jacob Joseph School, Mesifta Chaim Berlin, Mesifta Torah V'daath, and the Ramaz High School.

Jewish Scientist Heads U. S. Naval Research

WASHINGTON—(WNS) — Dr. Emanuel R. Piore, a Jewish physicist, has been appointed as chief scientist of the Office of Naval Research, it was disclosed here in a White House announcement. The 41-year-old Vilna-born scientist will help coordinate all new inventions that can be used by the U.S. Navy. Dr. Piore is married to to the daughter of Alexander Kahn, noted Jewish labor leader and manager of the Jewish Daily Forward.

Goldstein Heads Bond Drive

NEW YORK—(WNS)—Dr. Israel Goldstein, world Zionist leader and Western Hemisphere chairman of the executive of the World Jewish Congress, has accepted the chairmanship of the New York executive committee for the $500,000,000 State of Israel Independence Bond Issue.

SPORT SHORTS

By BARNEY AIN

DEPARTURE of Tommy Holmes from the Boston Braves to the Hartford club of the Eastern League, where he will take over as manager, means that Sid Gordon will definitely stay in the outfield and not go to any infield position. Gordon, who recently spoke at a Father-Son breakfast in a Brooklyn synagogue, offered a prize to the youngster who could tell him the number on his Boston Braves shirt. The kids knew all about his batting average and salary but were stumped when it came to the number on his uniform.

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It's hard to believe that Cal Abrams, who has been angling for the Brooklyn Dodger left field post, has been the property of the club for nine full years. However, as is known to baseball followers, most of the time was spent with Dodger farm clubs. Cal thinks he will definitely stick as a regular this season and mainly because Chuck Dressen will have more patience with him.

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Coach Jake Pitier, of the Brooklyn Dodgers, perhaps the only Jewish coach in the major leagues, had his son Larry with him at the Vero Beach training camp. Larry, who is a member of the U. S. Air Corps, made a colorful picture at camp in his steel-blue uniform.

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Abe Becker is the only Jewish basketeer taking the 18-day cross country series for the College All Stars against the Harlem Globe Trotters. Abe played for New York University.

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Pinkus Sober, former City College star half-miler and currently chairman of the U.S. Track and Field Olympic Committee, was guest of honor at last Monday night's Spiked Shoe dinner held at the New York Athletic club.

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Rarely an all-professional basketball roster will be published minus the name of Adolph Schayes, pivoter of the Syracuse Nationals . . . Abe Simon, ex-heavyweight pugilist and now a boxing referee with the N.Y. State Athletic Commission, is playing bit TV parts . . . Rod Berman, an interscholastic half-mile champ, is Harvard University's best bet for a collegiate crown . . . Boxing Referee Ruby Goldstein who gave his vote to Jersey Joe Walcott over Joe Louis, is featured in a Saturday Evening Post article . . . Cal Abrams' grand slam homer which enabled the Brooklyn Dodgers to defeat the N. Y. Giants has been tabbed the wallop of the Florida training season.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

NOT ONLY FUNDS, OPINION TOO OF U. S. JEWS WANTED

THE VIEW that "the Jews in the diaspora . . . have the right to express their opinion on events occurring in Israel," was expressed by Moshe Shapiro, Israeli Minister of Interior Health and Immigration at a testimonial dinner in his honor in New York. "The Unity of the people of Israel," he declared, "precludes the limitation of the people in diaspora to merely contributing funds without expressing opinion.

Dr. Shapiro did not say how far "expressing opinions" might be carried. A leader of the Hapoel Hamizrachi (religious labor Zionist movement), Dr. Shapiro denied that the religous bloc is aiming for a theocratic state in Israel.

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Kingsley Scores Twice

FORTY-four-year-old Sidney Kingsley repeated an achievement he won in 1943 when his anti-Communist drama, "Darkness at Noon" was selected by the New York Drama Critics Circles as the best stage production of 1950-51 season. The same author's "The Patriots" won in 1943, and his "Men in White" was a Pulitzer Prize winner. "Darkness at Noon" also won Kingsley a medal and $1,000 from the American Academy of Arts and Letters . . . Harry Greenstein, made his first public appearance since his illness last October, to receive a set of the first Talmud to be printed in post-Hitler Germany. The award was made to Mr. Greenstein, who is executive director of the Baltimore Jewish Charities, by the Joint Distribution Committee in recognition of the role he played in its publication while he was advisor on Jewish affairs to the American Military Government in Germany . . . Richard Guggenheim, active in the San Francisco chapter of the American Jewish Committee was elected president of the Community Chest there.

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With the Rabbis

RABBI AND Mrs. Joshua Stampfer of Lincoln Neb. announce the birth of their third child, Noam, March 22. The Stampfers have two other sons Shaul Yechiam and Meier Jonathan . . . Rabbi and Mrs. Eugene Blachschleger of Montgomery, Ala., announce the engagement of their daughter, Betty Ann to Harold Jay Coleman Jr.,, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Coleman of Newton Centre, Mass. The wedding will take place in September . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jacob M. Chamedes of Brooklyn announce the engagement of their daughter, Chaya Claire to Rabbi Benzion C. Kaganoff of Ohev Sholom Congregation, Washington, D.C. Rabbi Kaganoff is the son of Rabbi and Mrs. David Kaganoff of Chicago, Ill . . . Rabbi Isidor Schneebalg of Harrisburg, Pa., has been named spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Moses, of Detroit . . . Dr. and Mrs. Nelson Glueck celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary March 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Rosenfeld of Philadelphia, have announced the engagement of their daughter Rita Edythe to Rabbi Bertram Korn, of Keneseth Israel Congregation. Rabbi Korn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Korn. . . Rabbi and Mrs. Jacob Rudin, of Temple Beth-El of Great Neck, have left for a four-months trip to Europe and Israel. Rabbi Rudin was granted a sabbatical leave of four months in honor of his twentieth anniversary in the pulpit of the temple. . . Rabbi Henry Cohen of B'nai Israel Congregation, Galveston, Tex., was honored at the Council of Jewish Women's annual Sabbath Services on the occasion of his 88th birthday, April 7. . . Rabbi Louis Feigon, of Galveston has been elected president of the Kallah of Texas Rabbis.

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Deaths of the Week

ADRIAN van Paassen, 85, father of Pierre van Paassen, noted Christian Zionist, died in Toronto . . . Edward B. Hittleman, 68, president of the Edelbrew Brewery, died in St. Petersburg, Fla. after a year's illness . . . Dr. Max W. Belzer, who was recently honored by having a branch of the Jewish National Workers Alliance named for him, died in Bridgeport at the age of 62 . . . Dr. Martin I. Horn, 64, president of the Bridgeport Medical Association, died this week.

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American Council For Judaism Conference Opens; To Discuss All Except Bond Drive, But Fight It Too

CHICAGO—With a message from President Truman to cheer it on, the seventh annual conference of the American Council for Judaism opened here today (April 13) at the Drake Hotel.

The regulation letter from Truman, without which no Jewish convention in the United States seems to be able to open, congratulated the Council for its program "dedicated to the increasing national, civic, cultural and social integration of Americans of Jewish faith and for its belief that nationality and religion are separate and distinct."

Program All-Inclusive

The three-day program included the regular speeches by Lessing Rosenwald, founder and president of the organization, Dorothy Thompson, anti-Zionist columnist, Rabbi Irving F. Reichert and Rabbi Elmer Berger, executive director.

Although the program is one of the most all-inclusive of any

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convention held by the Council and lists almost all the areas of tension in the U.S. over Zionism, no mention is made of the controversial Israel bond drive. The program does include a session on the United Jewish Appeal and proposals to "achieve separation of philanthropic gifts from funds for Zionist and other 'Jewish' nationalist uses".

But the position of the Council on the drive was not much of a mystery following publication in the current issue of The Council News of views of two of its leaders in opposition to the bond sale.

(The Council officials in the New York office denied that the organization had taken a stand on the bond drive, (NJP, Feb. 9, 1951) following publication in The Post of a letter soliciting memberships on the basis of the opposition to the drive bond sale. The letter was signed by Rosenwald.)

Will Harm U.S. Bond Sale

The first letter charged that "a vast effort to sell Israeli bonds will dilute the support for American government bonds". It took issue with a statement by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., drive chairman, who had written that "the flotation of the Israel bond issue . . . is in my view an act of the deepest patriotism for us as Americans and for us as Jews."

"Since when," the letter asked, "is private financing of a foreign government a patriotic American act?"

The second letter, also anonymous challenged the relationship between the flotation of these bonds with charitable campaigns, Jewish or otherwise.'

No Propaganda In The National Jewish Post

Brandeis Looks Down at Students

Seated beneath the portrait of Louis Dembitz Brandeis, students are shown chatting in the Usen Commons Room in the Castle of Brandeis University named after the late Supreme Court Justice.

Tension Eases, Work In Huleh Proceeds

TEL AVIV — The reclamation work in the Huleh area is going on undisturbed and since last week's outburst, when Israeli planes retaliated against the Syrian aggressors who killed seven Jewish policemen, there has been comparative quiet along the Israel-Syrian border.

The statement of Michael McDermott, press officer of the U.S. State Department counseling moderation to both Israel and Syria has helped to ease the tension.

The statement condemned the Syrians for shooting and killing seven Israeli policemen in the area. At the same time it declared that the shooting incident was no justification for the retaliatory measures taken by Israel when several of its planes bombarded Syrian entrenchments in the area.

Limit of Patience Reached

Referring to Israel's retaliatory bombing of the Syrians last week, an Israel military spokesman here declared "we were forced to show the Syrians the limits of our patience," adding it was impossible for Israel to remain passive in the wake of the Syrian attack and the slaying of the policemen.

Abba Eban, permanent representative of Israel to the United Nations, told the Security Council that "the drainage work of the Huleh marshes had proceeded unhampered and with the full knowledge of Syria and the United Nations for the past four months."

Breaches Listed

He listed seven major breaches of the Armistice Agreement by Syria and charged that armed interference with the Huleh drainage work is a "preconceived and malicious frontal attack on the peaceful implementation of the Armistice Agreement mutually arrived at and sanctioned by the United Nations."

The New York Times in a dispatch said the Government's conduct of the clash drew criticism from the Israeli press from Haaretz, the independent newspaper. It questioned whether the Israeli Air Force's bombing of Syrians accomplished any useful purpose and whether the Israelis' appeal to the Security Council had not served only to make things difficult for the Western powers.

2 Israeli Warships To Visit U. S. On Good Will Trip

WASHINGTON—(WNS)—Abba S. Eban, Israeli Ambassador to the United States, announced here this week that two of his country's warships will arrive in New York late this month for a thirty-day good will and training mission.

The visit, the announcement said, is part of world-wide ceremonies celebrating the third anniversary of Israel's independence. It will also mark the launching of the $500,000,000 Israel bond drive in this country. Following the New York visit, the two warships and their crew of 200 men and officers will call at a half dozen ports along the East coast. In each city the local Israel bond committee will be host to the visiting seamen and the ships will be open for public inspection.

They Learn Hebrew

7 Non-Jewish Kids at Nursery

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa—Although almost every Hebrew nursery school in Johannesburg has at least one or two non-Jewish children enrolled, but the South-Eastern Hebrew Nursery School has a total of seven non-Jewish children out of a total enrollment of 36.

Rather than considering Hebrew as a disability, the non-Jewish mothers, according to the Zionist Record, "were pleased that their children were learning another language."

One non-Jewish mother told a reporter for The Record that she would join adult Hebrew classes if any were available in the neighborhood. She related her son's complaint that he sang Hebrew songs to her, "but you don't even understand it."

"Why don't you learn Hebrew too," he asked.

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